

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11 and 17 are amended. The amendments introduce no new matter. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks, in addition to the amendments and remarks previously submitted in Applicants' April 3, 2008 Amendment After Final Rejection, is respectfully requested.

As indicated above, the amendments to claims 1, 11 and 17 are further to those amendments previously submitted in Applicants' April 3, 2008 Amendment After Final Rejection. The amendments to claims 1 and 11 are made in light of the indication of allowability set forth in the October 5, 2007 Office Action. Specifically, these amendments delete features that were added to the claims after the October 5, 2007 Office Action, and maintain the indicated-allowable subject matter identified in both the October 5, 2007 and February 22, 2008 Office Actions. Entry of the amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b)(1) since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance by clarifying previous amendments to claims 1, 11 and 17 to more accurately recite the previously indicated-allowable subject matter. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the Final Rejection, and to correct an informality in Applicants' April 3, 2008 Amendment After Final Rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, and for all of the reasons previously submitted in Applicants' April 3, 2008 Amendment After Final Rejection, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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